

King Street, 200 Block
216 King Street (Commercial Buildings)
216 King Street
Wilmington
New Castle County
Delaware

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Delaware		COUNTY New Castle	TOWN OR VICINITY Wilmington
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) King Street, 200 Block			HABS NO. DE-129-G
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE 216 King Street (Commercial Building)			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 216 King Street, Wilmington, Delaware			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) mid 19th century; construction		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) One of thirteen nineteenth century, commercial buildings in the 200 block of King Street; served as a revenue service, boarding house, shoemaker's, fishmonger's saloon, millener's, butcher's, painter's and bookkeeper's store during the life of the street.			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Italianate			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) brick (running bond primary elevation and common bond secondary elevations); framed flooring and roofing systems.			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 20'2" street elevation; depth with additions approximately 55'			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE 216 King Street retains much of its mid to late 19th character in its overall elevation and storefront. The storefront with a projecting bracketed cornice and scalloped frieze defines a shop entry to the north and a residential entry to the south. While reglazed, the opening appear to be original.			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) First floor gutted; all original interior finish for the upper stories removed in the early to mid 20th century.			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Interior gutted and remodeled in the course of 20th century commercial and residential rental improvements.			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Condemned and demolished by the City of Wilmington, March 1985.			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE See attached narrative.			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Lower Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware, Historic District; National Register of Historic Places, listed 1980.			
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